

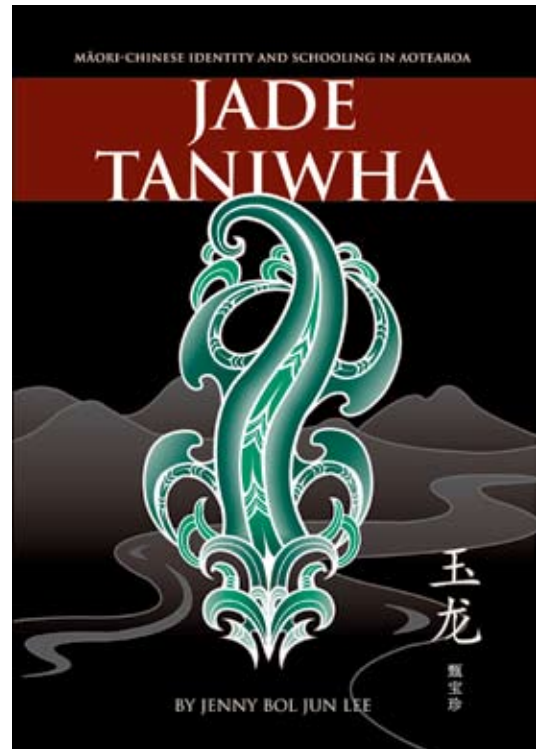
# Jade Taniwha: Maori-Chinese Identity and Schooling in Aotearoa, by Jenny Bol Jun Lee

Jade Taniwha is a compelling and often deeply personal book that provides a fascinating glimpse into a part of New Zealand's history that has remained hidden until now. A warm and sympathetic work, Jade Taniwha shows that Chinese and Maori have many values in common, and these shared values have provided the foundation for a unique new community in New Zealand.

Author Jenny Bol Jun Lee shows that the identity of this unique cultural group is the result of a fascinating history on the margins of mainstream New Zealand society, one often intersected by racism, exclusion and colonialism. Lee reveals that Māori-Chinese draw strength from their different traditions, taking pride in their unique identity while moving between the different worlds of Chinese, Māori and 'mainstream' New Zealand.

At the heart of Jade Taniwha are the accounts of four Maori-Chinese, recollecting their experiences of identity at school in New Zealand. The book shows how members of this unique hybrid community struggle to define themselves on their own terms, often in the face of discrimination and prejudice.

*Dr. Leonie Pihama says, "Jade Taniwha is a sharing by Māori-Chinese people through the writing of a Māori-Chinese woman. This book will give an understanding about the history and relationships of the many peoples of Aotearoa."*



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